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Case M 6817 HADH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of  
Sobonya et al.

Confirmation No. 1960

Serial No. 09/891,568

Examiner: Ula Corinna Ruddock

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TITLE: COMPOSITE SHEET MATERIAL

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Sir:

On February 25, 2004, Applicants requested a law firm to provide a patent search covering the invention disclosed and claimed in the subject application. An IDS Form 1449A/PTO listing the patents uncovered in the search is enclosed. Several of the patents listed are of record in the proceedings and will not be discussed. Applicants request that the references be considered during prosecution of the present application.

U.S. 3,619,315, Carrack, et al.

The reference discloses a flexible, coated sheet material suitable as a shoe upper material. There is no mention of a foam or foaming agent. The flexible sheet material has a leather like character.

U.S. 4,336,293, Eiden

Eiden discloses an anti-slip mat 10 with a backing 11 having a bottom surface 12 adapted to permit the mat to lie flat on a flat surface. The upper surface is undulating and

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is coated with an abrasive, anti-slip layer 16. The structure does not contain a scrim and there is no mention of a foamed resin.

U.S. 5,994,242, Arthurs

Arthurs discloses a woven material coated with an elastomer suitable for use in fabricating tarpaulins. The elastomer comprises polyethylene or a polyester. There is no suggestion of use of a foamed elastomer.

U.S. 6,558,786, Jupina

Jupina is assigned to Henkel Corporation, the assignee of the present application. Jupina discloses a foamed rug gripper in which a fabric sheet is coated with a foamed latex. An adhesive is coated on one surface. The structure has a thickness in the range of 40 mils (0.04 inches; see col. 4, line 17).

U.S. 2002/0094404, Schottenfeld

Schottenfeld discloses a decorative liner comprising a pad 22, which has openings which extend from the top to bottom surface, formed from a scrim coated with a foamed resin. The top surface of the pad is covered with an adhesively bonded cover sheet and the bottom surface of the pad is coated with an adhesive to provide a non-slip lower surface.

U.S. 2003/0036323, Abiabadi

Abiabadi is a published application for a shelf liner. The filing date is after the filing date of the present application and is therefore not available as a reference on which a rejection can be based.

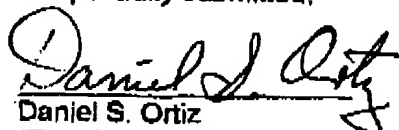
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